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SCREENING METHODS USING SAME

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<u>AMENDMENT D</u>

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action dated January 24, 2006, having a term for response that expired on April 24, 2006. A three (3)-month extension of the response period up to an including July 24, 2006 is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the small entity extension fee.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Please amend the subject application as follows: